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REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows: Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a process of manufacturing of an optical compensator and Group II, claims 6-9, drawn to an LC optical light shutter apparatus. If Group II were elected, a further election of species was required.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a process of manufacturing of an optical compensator. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application containing claims drawn to the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants note that claims 1-5 have been rewritten as claims 10-14 to better conform the claims to U.S. claim practice. Additionally, claim 15 has been added to claim an LC optical light shutter comprising an optical compensation layer manufactured according to the process of claim 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14. Accordingly, applicants submit that claim 15 is properly to be considered within the elected subject matter since such claimed shutter is not capable of being made by another materially different process.

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Favorable consideration of the application is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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